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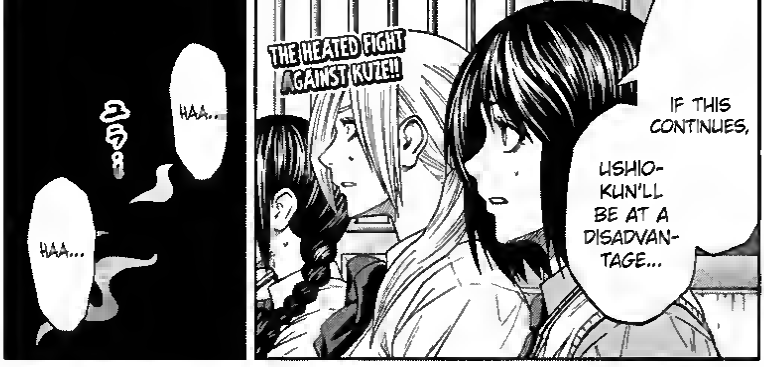

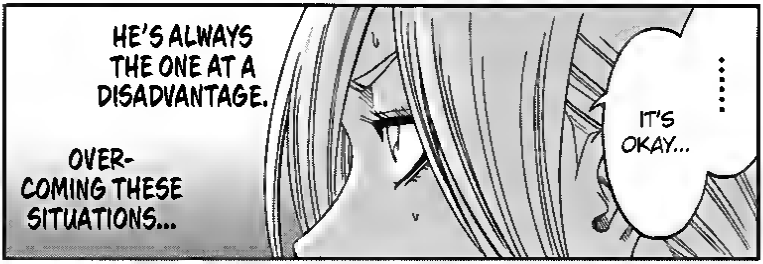

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WHAT'S BEING TESTED...
IS "HEART"...
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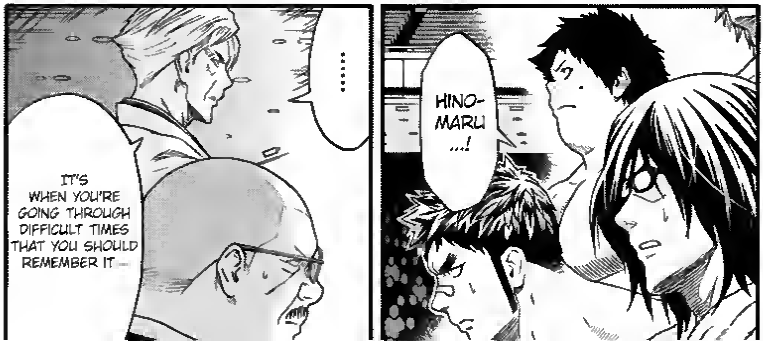
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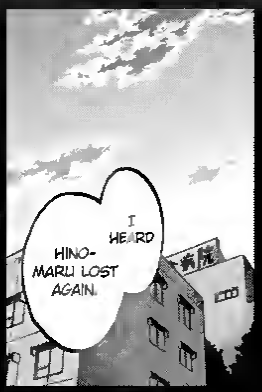
IT'S WHEN YOU'RE GOING THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES THAT YOU SHOULD REMEMBER IT—
HINO-MARU ...!

THE REASON...
YOU ARE HERE!

HE USED TO WIN SO OFTEN IN PRIMARY SCHOOL TOO...
AND AFTER COMING HOME FROM THE SUMO CLUB, HE'S ALWAYS WORKING HARD UNTIL LATE.


I HEARD HINOMARU LOST AGAIN.

HE CAN'T WIN...
BECAUSE HIS BODY IS SMALL.
HE'S A GENTLE CHILD THOUGH.
SO I DOUBT HE'LL ADMIT IT.

I'M SORRY YOUR LATE FATHER AND I...
ARE SO SHORT.

I'M SORRY YOU WEREN'T BORN WITH A LARGE BODY...
HINOMARU.

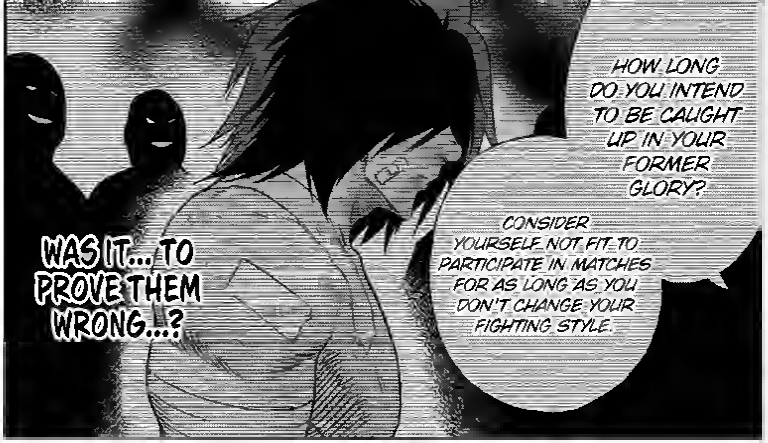
FATHER WASN'T AROUND, BUT...
I WAS STILL YOUNG WHEN MY FATHER PASSED, SO I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH OF HIM.
MY MOTHER ALWAYS MADE SURE I HAD A FULL BELLY.
MOTHER IS ALSO OVER-JOYED.
WHEN I WIN A SUMO MATCH...
SHE PRAISES ME...
AND THAT ALSO MAKES ME HAPPY.
IT FEELS SO GOOD.

TO PUT ON A FRONT BEFORE ME.
I WANTED TO MAKE HER HAPPY AGAIN.
SHE WAS SLIMMING BY THE DAY AND WOULD HIDE IT WITH MAKEUP...

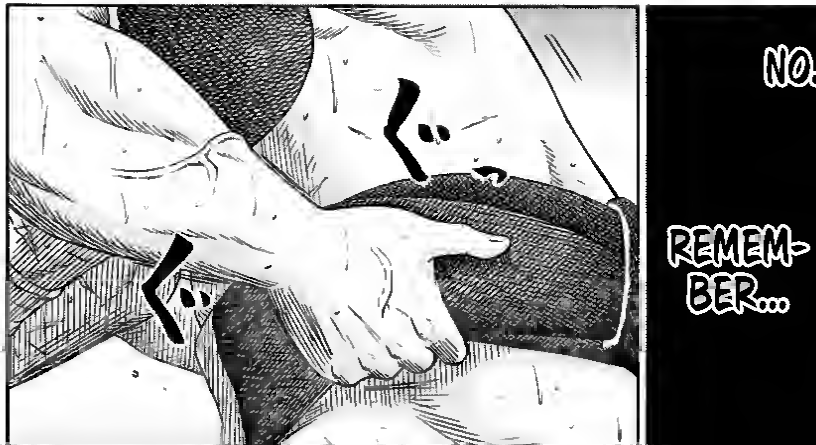
AM I DOING THIS FOR HER...?

EVEN IF SHE'S NOT AROUND ANYMORE...

NO THAT'S NOT IT.
TRY TO REMEMBER.
WHY DO YOU
PRACTICE SUMO...
...HINO-MARU?
...AND THAT'S ALL FOR THE MEMBERS WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING THIS TIME AROUND.
USHIO.
YOU UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WEREN'T CHOSEN, RIGHT?
I...


HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO BE CAUGHT UP IN YOUR FORMER GLORY?
CONSIDER YOURSELF NOT FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN MATCHES FOR AS LONG AS YOU DON'T CHANGE YOUR FIGHTING STYLE.
WAS IT... TO PROVE THEM WRONG...?

JUST FOR THAT?
TO GET MYSELF SO BEAT UP...


NO.
REMEM-BER...

!!
SLIDE
SHO
KUZE HAS...
PULLED ONIMARU IN CLOSE...
AND IS PUSHING HIM BACK!!
THE BALANCE HAS...
...STARTED TO CRUMBLE!!
UG...
REMEMBER!!

YOU'VE BEEN IN A DAZE SINCE THEN.
IT SEEMS THERE'S A SUMO CLUB IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.
DO YOU WANT TO GO CHECK IT OUT?
HEY, TSUJI!
THE NEWBIE'S YOUR AGE. COME INTRODUCE YOURSELF
OKAYY.
ニーイ!
RECENTLY MY GRANDPA TOOK ME WITH HIS FRIENDS.
HMM, THAT'S NICE.
HOW WAS IT?
IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME?
EVER WATCHED SUMO BEFORE?

AH...
THEY WERE SO BIG...!
FROM THE EASTERN CORNER...
THE YOKOZUNA YAMATO-KUNI...
IS ENTERING THE RING...

HEHEH...
SO YOU ADMIRE YAMATOKUNI AS WELL, HUH?
EVERYONE HERE'S THE SAME.
WE ALL STARTED SUMO WANTING TO BE LIKE HIM.
.....
NAH.
IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT FOR ME.
A YOKO-ZUNA!!
THIS IS...
HOO OOOO OH!!

I...
HINO-MARU!!
HERE IT COMES !!
!!
MAKING USE OF THE FORCE HE'S USING TO RESIST ME AS MOMENTUM...
...A RIGHT-HANDED OVERARM THROW!

OROSHI-
DASHI!
AT THAT
MOMENT
THUD
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I CANNOT CLEARLY ASCER-TAIN...
THE REASON I AM HERE.
AFTER SEEING YAMATOKUNI, I WONDERED...
IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT FOR ME
HOW GREAT IT WOULD FEEL
MY INITIAL MOTIVA-TION...
TO SEND SUCH A LARGE YOKOZUNA FLYING.
IT COULD BE MISTAKEN FOR THAT OF A YOKO-ZUNA...
A RADIANCE SO STRONG
HIS FEET STOPPED DEAD IN THEIR TRACKS.
THE MAN WHO HAD CONTINUED TO WATCH, AND HAD BEEN THE CLOSEST TO A "YOKOZUNA" HIS ENTIRE LIFE, CLEARLY FELT IT DURING THAT MOMENT.

THE EXPECTA-TIONS...
THE GRATI-TUDE...
THE FEELING OF LOSS...
I SPENT WITH EVERY-ONE...
THE DAYS...
SHE IS WATCHING OVER YOU
FROM HIGH UP ABOVE THE CLOUDS.
MY MOTHER...
EVERYTHING LUMPED TOGETHER!
HE SURE IS BURNING ...

I AM HERE...
BECAUSE I LOVE SUMO!!

A KIN-BOSHI!!

THERE!!
THAT'S WHERE I SNATCHED ONE AWAY FROM YAMATOKUNI.